



Sunday 29th July 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

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Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm

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Mass Times

Monday: Communion Service 9.15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at
St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th & 5th August

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: B. Flynn, R. Belli, A. Schellens, C. Bell, R. Padget

Reader: C. Gardner.

Commentator: J. Libertino.

Welcoming: M. Roadley

Set-Up: P. Thomas

Counters: J. Hoyne, P. Hoyne.

Cleaners: U. Federico

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 4th August, 2018

Special Ministers: Y. O'Brien, H. Edmonds, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Leonard

Commentator: E. Gittens

Set-Up: P. Frisby

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: L. Carty, D. & D. Haesler, M. Sturmar, M. Bedford

Special Minsters 10:30am: F. Landy, M. Tipping, J. Millar, E. Sutherland, A. Letzia

6.00pm: Reader: J. Money

Commentator: M. Gargan

Set-Up: T. Corcoran

10:30am: Reader: M. Bates

Commentator: T. Williamson

Set-Up: C.O'Brien

Counters: D. Bonello, S. Bishop, B. Carr

Cleaners: 11th August; A. & L. Hobson, M. Manison

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 29th July Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 11:00am

Wednesday 1st August Senior Moments lunch Beijing House Diamond Creek 12pm

Wednesday 1st August Mass of Reception for Archbishop Peter Comensoli St Patrick's Cathedral 7.00pm

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft, Julia Liddard

Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Doug Armstrong, Beling Dasilda, May Teycheney, Marie Pfitzer, A sick parishioner.

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of July that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Mary Keenan, Salvatore, Basil, Maria & Fortunato Caccetta, Salrina Anello, David Phillips, Kevin Jose, Pat Gannon, Anna de Gier, Michael Pham, Hopetoun Chapman, Edwin Ray, Shannon Risson, Nunzuio Napoleone, Mary Kenny, Eileen McInerney, Guido Paciocco, Jack Sutherland

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: **Wednesday 1st August** Lunch Beijing House Diamond Creek at 12 noon. **Wednesday 15th August** Lunch and Games 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

MASS OF RECEPTION for Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Wednesday 1st August at 7.00pm**. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL is fundraising with rotary by selling raffle tickets. 1st prize a Holden. Tickets \$2 each available at back of Sacred Heart Church. Your support of the school would be greatly appreciated.

MATURE AGED GROUP Please come and join us, on the **8th August** for a game of Bingo at **St Mary's Greensborough** in the James Kierce Centre, meeting starting at 11.30am to 12.30pm with Bingo starting at 1.00pm. We will also be collecting for our next outing to Shrine of Remembrance on the 12th September 2018, with 2 course lunch. Members \$33.00 Non Members \$36.00 Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306 Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

SACRED HEART CLEANERS ROSTER: we would appreciate another volunteer to clean church 4 or 5 times per year. Please contact Pat on 94381159

SOUL SISTERS PRESENT a short documentary set in Aleppo Syria and Turkey in early 2016. Thursday 2nd August 7pm in the Gathering Space at St Mary's.

FORMATION IN FAITH

RCIA: If you are interested in learning more about your Catholic faith or perhaps looking at becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Mandy through either of the Parish Offices

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: Melbourne Catholic provides a simple and contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith in Melbourne and beyond The June edition is available now in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: **Tuesday:** St Ignatius of Loyola **Wednesday:** St Alphonsus Liguori **Friday:** St Dominic

Saturday: St John Vianney

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. These Hosts can be found on the Offertory Table prior to Mass, please feel free to place a Host in the Pix provided.

A BROKEN CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD - A REFLECTION DAY

In response to comments made in a recent parish survey at St Mary's, and through various other interactions, revealing feelings of disappointment, shock, humiliation and anger at the revelations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse, noticing also a certain malaise in the Church and sensing a mixture of concern and desperate hope for what our Church might become in the future, in a world which seems to be increasingly fearful and divided – this **reflection day** invites us to honour and name feelings like shame, concern or fear, and despair or hope as important insights and to be open to the Spirit who is already at work in the mess. How might we cooperate with God in transforming the Church so that we become the Body of Christ; a broken Body in a broken world?

Saturday August 4th; 10.00am until 3.30pm; St Thomas the Apostle Church, North Greensborough

Facilitator: Jacinta Bright

Jacinta is Pastoral Associate at St Mary's Parish and also a Spiritual Director

Bring a small plate of lunch to share. Please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543, or email Jacinta at

Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au with enquiries and, so that we have an indication of number, to let us know if you will be joining us on the day.

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,

The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

If you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet we ask that you do so as soon as possible. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
Many thanks Pat and Mary.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

LOYOLA COLLEGE REUNION celebrating the classes of 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008,2013,2016. All former staff and students welcome on Sunday 5th August 2pm-5pm in the Functions Room. Free Event but please register your attendance at WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/VIQP for catering purposes.

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE; Junior Art Exhibition Twilight Tour, Wednesday 8th August 4.00pm-6.00pm. Book a tour and experience our Junior Art Exhibition. Year 7, 2020 Enrolments close 17th August 2018.

HELPING OUR REFUGEE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS - Saturday 25 August, at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-12.45pm. The forum will review current issues and look at practical ways in which parishes can help asylum seekers There is still a great need for support for asylum seekers and refugees in our midst. Phil Glendenning, Director Edmund Rice Centre and Sr Brigid Arthur will join leaders of parish programs to discuss current national refugee priorities and practical responses at the parish level.

TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS – Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. Come join us at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill on Saturday, 11 August from 10 am – 4 pm. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or to ph. 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND *Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 7pm on Friday 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.** Info/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0403 569 079
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

THE LINDSAY O'NEILL MEMORIAL Organ Recital 2018 Sunday 29 July at St Mark's Anglican church Crn George and Moore Sts Fitzroy. Organist Jennifer Chou. Entry Full \$25 concession \$20 includes afternoon tea. Admission at the door.

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA- TEACHERS ALWAYS REQUIRED! East Timor needs Teachers – Ready to take your skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. The parish and school community of Hatubulico have requested two volunteers: a Secondary Teacher/Mentor and a Community Development Mentor. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short



Palms Australia Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa- Call us 02 9560 5333 or go to palms.org.au/encounters

VINNIES SLEEPOUT

We would like to thank you all so much for your generous donations and gestures of support in my (our) efforts to raise awareness regarding the plight of many homeless people in Australia and to raise some money to assist them. Vinnies work hard helping those who find themselves homeless but also help people to remain in their homes by providing some rental assistance when things get really tough. There is not enough Government housing and the cost of private rentals keeps increasing. Having enough money to pay the rent each week leaves some families with very little to pay for food and utilities, let alone extra costs such as medical, transport costs or car repairs etc. The money raised by the Sleepouts helps Vinnies to reach out to those really struggling.

With your help, I managed to raise a total of \$4,220 – \$1,761 for the CEO Sleepout in the City and \$2,459 for the local Diamond Valley Sleepout.

The CEO Sleepout in the City raised \$1,010,000 and the DV Sleepout at Watermarc which Breeda and Pat participated in isn't finalised yet but should get close to \$30,000. Over \$6,000,000 was raised across all the states.

Once again, we thank you for your generosity. Kevin McMahon (Vinnies State President), Breeda O'Regan President Diamond Creek Vinnies and Pat Guatta.

INTRODUCING CATHOLIC SUPER: Parishioners are cordially invited with their friends and families to attend a morning tea and presentation introducing catholic Super on Sunday 26th August after the 10.00am Mass at St Mary's. Listen to Catholic Super staff as they describe the great benefits and features of belonging to Catholic Super. The funds aim is to help you achieve lifelong financial peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to visit your Parish Website

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

29 July 2018

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your
reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due
time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*

Alleluia!

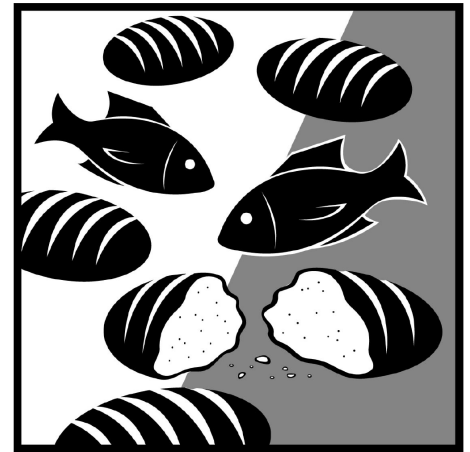
Gospel Jn 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week's reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week's miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphoric image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd's mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.